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In re Patent Application of ) **MAIL STOP PATENT  
Savine BOCKEL-MACAL et al.** ) **APPLICATION**  
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For: PROCEDURE AND APPARATUS ) Confirmation No.: Unassigned  
FOR THE OPTIMIZATION OF )  
REACTIVE GAS MIXTURES )  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: